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Draft Agenda

Regional Thematic Seminar: Anti-corruption Services and the Implementation of Conflict-of-Interest Laws

Belgrade, Serbia, 18-19 November 2005
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09:00-09:30 (Plenary)	<p><i>Chair:</i> Ms Aleksandra Popović, Country Project Director for Serbia</p> <p>Opening and Welcoming Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Serbian Minister of Justice ▪ Mr Stefano Valenti, Council of Europe SRSG in Belgrade ▪ Mr Christian Vergez, Acting Head, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Mr. Veselin SUKOVIC, Executive Secretary, SPAI Regional Secretariat Liaison Office
09:30-10:00 Coffee Break	
10:00-11:10 (Plenary)	<p><i>Chair:</i> Ms Aleksandra Popović</p> <p>Follow up on the recommendations/needs for reform from the Regional Thematic Seminar in Skopje PC-TC-(2005)8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary of recommendations/commitments since the beginning of PACO Impact. Ms Ardita Abdiu, PACO Impact Project Manager ▪ Each project area presents in 10' major improvements/challenges since April 2005 (Albania, BiH, Croatia, "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia)
11:00-11:15 Coffee Break	
11:15-11:45 (Plenary)	<p><i>Chair:</i> Ms Aleksandra Popović</p> <p>Follow up on the recommendations/needs for reform from the Regional Thematic Seminar in Skopje PC-TC-(2005)8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each project area presents in 10' major improvements/challenges since April 2005 (Albania, BiH, Croatia, "The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia)
11:45-12:30 (Plenary)	<p><i>Chair:</i> Ms Ardita Abdiu, Council of Europe</p> <p>Measuring and Monitoring Corruption and Anti-corruption: how to determine progress when taking specific and general measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Bertrand de Speville, Council of Europe Expert ▪ Ms Vera Devine, Council of Europe Expert
12:30-13:00	<p><i>Chair:</i> Ms Ardita Abdiu, Council of Europe</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>

13:00-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-15:00 (Plenary)	<p><i>Chair:</i> Ms Aleksandra Popović</p> <p>How and when can Anti-corruption services use attitude and perception surveys: Tools and guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Bertrand de Speville, Council of Europe Expert
15:00-15:30	<p><i>Chair:</i> Ms Aleksandra Popović</p> <p>How can Anti-corruption services develop indicators of success and determining progress: Tools and guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Vera Devine, Council of Europe Expert
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
15:45-16:45 (Working Groups)	<p><i>Moderators:</i> Mr Bertrand de Speville and Ms. Vera Devine</p> <p>Brainstorming and discussions on the Strategies for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indicators of Success development (Working Group #1) ▪ Attitude and Perception Surveys (Working Group #2)
17:00-17:30 (Plenary)	<p><i>Chair:</i> Ms Aleksandra Popović</p> <p>Reporting of Working Groups and Follow up Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indicators of Success development (Working Group Representative) ▪ Attitude and Perception Surveys (Working Group Representative)
17:30	Concluding Remarks

<p>09:00-09:15 (Plenary)</p>	<p>Introductory Remarks</p> <p><i>Co-chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Christian Vergez, Acting Head, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Ms Aleksandra Popovic, Assistant to the Minister of Justice, Serbia <p>The Co-chairs will set the scene by outlining the objectives of the second day of the Seminar in the framework of the OECD/SPAI project “Managing Conflict of Interest in Government and the Public Sector”.</p>
<p>9:15-12:45</p>	<p>Plenary session I: Country cases: Assessing conflict-of-interest policies, legal frameworks and implementation practices</p>
	<p><i>Co-chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Christian Vergez, Acting Head, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Ms Aleksandra Popovic, Assistant to the Minister of Justice, Serbia <p>Each panel session will review the effectiveness of current conflict-of interest policies, legal frameworks and implementation practices in a SPAI country. The session will start with a presentation by a representative from the country concerned. A panel will bring the views of an OECD expert and a representative from another SPAI country, followed by a more general discussion.</p>
<p>09:15-10:00</p>	<p>Panel session: Assessing the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws in Serbia</p> <p><i>Country presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Branko Lubarda, Member, Republican Council of Conflict of Interests, Serbia <p><i>Respondents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Janos Bertok, Principal Administrator, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Mr Krsto Pavicevic, Chairman, Parliamentary Working Group on Conflict of Interests, Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro (<i>tbc</i>) <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>Background document: Country report on Assessing conflict-of interest policies and practices in Serbia</p>
<p>10:00-10:45</p>	<p>Panel session: Assessing the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws in the Republic of Montenegro</p> <p><i>Country presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Slobodan Lekovic, President, Commission for determination of Conflict of Interest, Republic of Montenegro

	<p><i>Respondents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Howard Whitton, Principal Administrator, SIGMA¹, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Ms Agata Nasti, Director of Cabinet, High Inspectorate of Declaration and Control of Assets, Albania (<i>tbc</i>) <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>Background document: Country report on Assessing conflict-of interest policies and practices in the Republic of Montenegro</p>
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:00	<p>Panel session: Assessing the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws in Romania</p> <p><i>Country presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Cristian Anghel, Prosecutor, Directorate for the Relation with Public Ministry Crime and Corruption Prevention, Ministry of Justice, Romania <p><i>Respondents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Howard Whitton, Principal Administrator, SIGMA, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Ms Sladjana Taseva, Member, State Commission for Prevention of Corruption (SCPC), Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>Background document: Country report on Assessing conflict-of interest policies and practices in Romania</p>
12:00-12:45	<p>Panel session: Assessing the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws in Moldova</p> <p><i>Country presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Anatolie Donciu, Chief of Analysis and Prevention Direction, Center for Combating Economic Crimes and Corruption, Moldova (<i>tbc</i>) <p><i>Respondents</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Elodie Beth, Administrator, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate ▪ Ms Catalina Stroe, Legal advisor, Department for the Relation with Public Ministry, Crime and Corruption, Prevention, Ministry of Justice, Bucarest, Romania <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>Background document: Country report on Assessing conflict-of interest policies and practices in Moldova</p>
12:45-14:15	Lunch Break
14:15-15:45	Plenary session II: Lessons learned in developing and implementing conflict-of-interest laws and policies
14:15-15:45	<p><i>Co-chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Christian Vergez, Acting Head, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Mr. Veselin Sukovic, Executive Secretary, SPAI Regional Secretariat Liaison Office <p>This session will provide an opportunity, in particular for Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to present the lessons learned in developing and implementing conflict-of-interest laws and policies. The ensuing discussion will focus particularly on the challenges and difficulties faced</p>

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	<p>in the implementation process.</p> <p><i>Country presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Fatmira Laskaj, General Inspector, High Inspectorate of Declaration and Control of Asset, Albania (<i>tbc</i>) ▪ Ms Lidija Korac, Member, Election Commission of BiH, Bosnia and Herzegovina ▪ Mr Josip Leko, President, Committee for Prevention of Conflict of Interest, Croatian Parliament (<i>tbc</i>) ▪ Ms Vanja Mihajlova, Member, State Commission for Prevention of Corruption (SCPC), former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
15:45-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-17:15	Plenary session III: Future directions for supporting the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws and policies
	<p><i>Co-chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Christian Vergez, Acting Head, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Mr. Veselin Sukovic, Executive Secretary, SPAI Regional Secretariat Liaison Office <p>Building on previous discussions during the day, the session will allow countries' representatives to review challenges, identify national priorities and define possible future steps for supporting the implementation of conflict-of-interest laws and policies and monitoring progress.</p> <p><i>Presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Janos Bertok, Principal Administrator, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
17:15-17:30	Conclusions of the day
	<p><i>Co-chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Christian Vergez, Acting Head, Innovation and Integrity Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD ▪ Mr. Veselin Sukovic, Executive Secretary, SPAI Regional Secretariat Liaison Office <p>Closing remarks</p>